The scope of the same was amended in 2000-2001 where instead of providing grants, equipments were given to various NGOs etc. under National Highway Accident Relief Service Scheme.

Construction of Subway at Railway Crossing

2724. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH : Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that as many as 10 persons are killed every month at the railway crossing at Old Faridabad and between the 1st January to the 31st August this year as many as 80 persons were killed and an equal number incapacitated by running trains;

(b) whether it is also a fact that more than five years ago a project to construct a subway at the crossing was submitted to his Ministry for approval;

(c) if so, the reasons for not according the approval; and

(d) by when the construction work would start?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B. C. KHANDURI) : (a) to (d) The rail crossing at old Faridabad is not on National Highway and concerns Ministry of Railways. The information is being collected from Ministry of Railways/Railway Board and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Bye-pass on NH-3 at Gwalior

† 2725. SHRI P. K. MAHESHWARI : Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the plan formulated by Government to construct a bye-pass in Gwalior on National Highway -3; and

(b) the obstacles in this regard at present after Madhya Pradesh Government's consent for shifting of "Son Chiraiya" Sanctuary ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI) : (a) and (b) The proposal to construct the Gwalior bye-pass on NH-3 is yet to be finalized. All

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

relevant factors including the implication for shifting of the alignment through "Son Chiraiya" Sanctuary are to be taken care while finalizing the proposal.

Upgradation of Coastal Highway as NHs in Gujarat

2726. SHRI RAJU PARMAR:
SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that though Gujarat has 25 per cent of the country's coast line with many ports, the Coastal Highways along this coast has not been upgraded to National Highway;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government plan to correct this anomaly and if so, the likely period in which its upgradation is planned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI) : (a) to (c) The declaration of any road as National Highway depends not only on the consideration that it runs along the coast connecting ports but on several other considerations including traffic needs, inter-se priority on all India basis and availability of resources. Notwithstanding the above, a length of approximately 362 kms. running along the coast line in Gujarat has already been converted into National Highway.

Performance of Transport Sector

2727. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA : Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that transport sector has performed well below its target during the last three years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps being taken to meet the target in coming years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI) : (a) No target for performance in Road Transport Sector is fixed by the Government.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.